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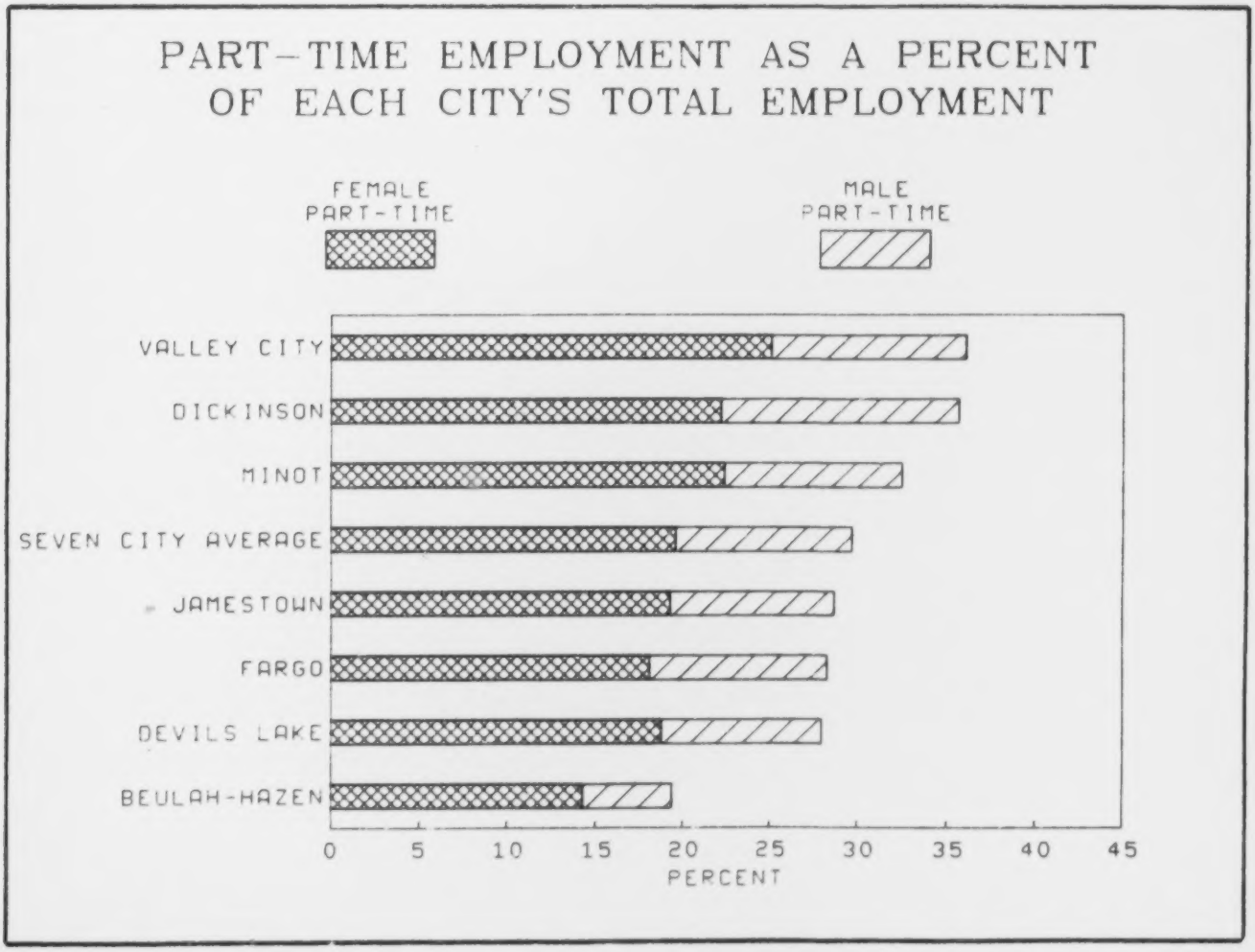

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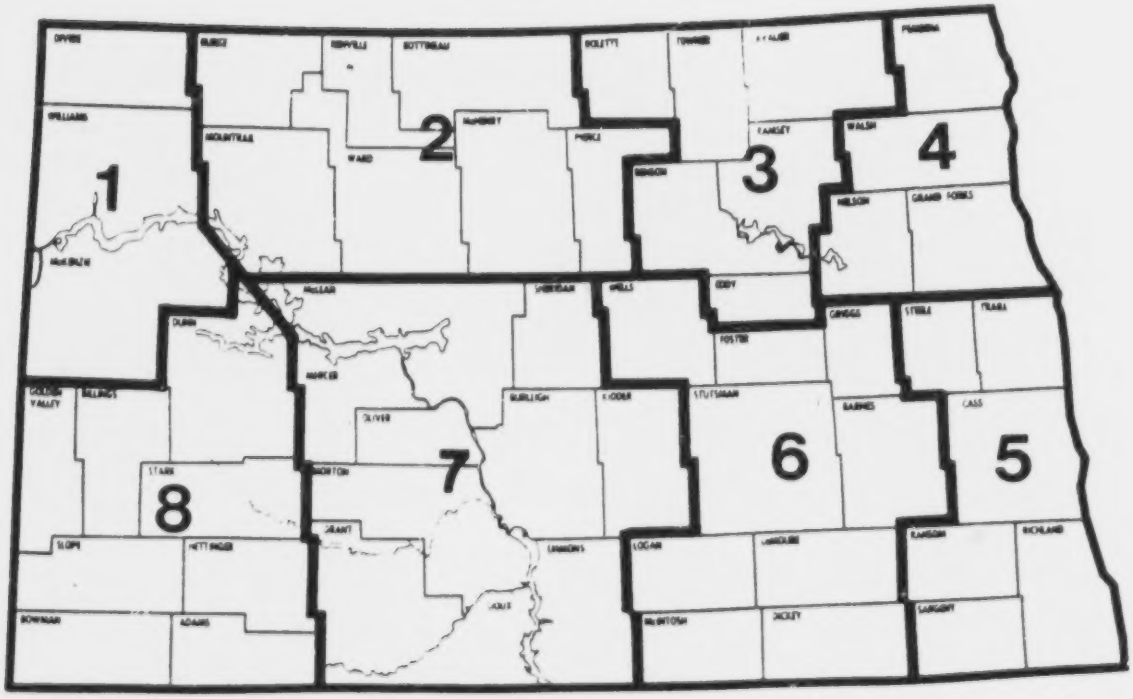

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

It's no secret that part-time employment is becoming commonplace in North Dakota's labor market. But just how much of an impact is it having? What percent of the work force do part-timers represent? Although frequently requested, information on the number of part-time workers has been extremely limited.

As a result, the Research and Statistics Section of Job Service North Dakota incorporated a question on part-time employment in its Community Employment Surveys for the first time in 1986. The results were somewhat surprising--about three of every ten workers were part-time.

Surveys were conducted in seven North Dakota cities in 1986. The percentage of part-time workers ranged from a high of 36.1 percent in Valley City to a low of 19.4 percent in Beulah-Hazen. Dickinson had 35.7 percent part-time; Minot, 32.5; Jamestown, 28.7; Fargo, 28.3; and Devils Lake, 28.0. In all, 28,353 (29.7 percent) of the 95,381 workers in these cities worked less than 30 hours a week. Although there are various definitions of part-time workers, for the purposes of this survey, part-time workers were defined as those individuals who worked less than 30 hours a week.

The variance in the percentage of part-time employment from city to city can partially be explained by the industry mix of the local economies. Over half (51.6 percent) of the employees in retail trade in these seven cities were part-timers. In a couple of cities, the eating and drinking establishments sector of the retail trade industry had over 70 percent of its employees working less than 30 hours a week. In the surveyed communities, the services industry showed the second highest percentage of part-time workers--39.8 percent, followed by government with 21.7 percent. The seven-city average percentage of part-time workers for the remaining industries were: finance, insurance and real estate, 16.8; wholesale trade, 12.0; transportation, communication, and public utilities, 11.4; manufacturing, 11.3; construction, 10.1; and mining, 4.2.

Females dominate the ranks of the part-timers. Almost two-thirds of the part-time workers were female. Put another way, 40.6 percent of all the women employees in North Dakota worked less than 30 hours a week. This compares to 19.6 percent of all males being part-time. Not surprisingly, the highest concentrations of the traditional female jobs are in the retail trade, services, government, and finance, insurance, and real estate industries --those industries with the highest percentage of part-time workers.

Just how extensive will the part-time trend become? Unfortunately, because 1986 was the first time information was collected on part-time employment, we have no previous data by which to gauge growth. We do know, however, that the part-time employment concept is becoming more and more popular with many employers, especially in the retail trade and services industries. Faced with increasing financial restraints, many employers have eliminated full-time positions and replaced them with part-time positions, thereby saving the cost of fringe benefits and providing them with more flexibility in scheduling for periods of high or low business activity.

Although there are a number of individuals (e.g., students, retirees, housewives, etc.) for which part-time employment is ideal, there are some negative aspects of this concept on the employee side. Not only are most part-time jobs traditionally lower-paying jobs, but the lack of fringe benefits and the uncertain number of hours often create economic problems for part-timers. As a result, many individuals are forced to juggle two or more part-time jobs to maintain an economic status similar to a full-time position.

There is a caveat for labor market information users regarding the increased popularity of part-time employment. Most employment figures are counts of jobs, not individuals. Therefore, if an employer replaces a full-time position with two part-time jobs, employment in that industry would show a net increase of one, even though the number of hours worked and total wages paid may be unchanged. So, while the employment figures for industries with high concentrations of part-time workers may show significant growth from year to year, the amount of wages turning over into the local economy may not have increased accordingly. Users of employment statistics should therefore be aware of the possible distortion of the economic picture of their community as painted by employment figures alone.

Copies of Community Employment Surveys can be obtained by writing to Job Service.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From: One Month Ago Jan. 1987	Percent Change From: One Year Ago Feb. 1986
TOTAL	243,900	243,500	243,600	0.2%	0.1%
MINING	3,800	3,900	5,600	-2.6%	-32.1%
Coal	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,500	2,600	4,200	-3.8%	-40.5%
Other Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,600	7,900	7,300	-3.8%	4.1%
Building Construction	2,200	2,400	2,200	-8.3%	0.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,300	1,200	1,300	8.3%	0.0%
Special Trade Construction	4,100	4,300	3,800	-4.7%	7.9%
MANUFACTURING	15,400	15,200	15,000	1.3%	2.7%
Durable Goods	6,100	5,800	5,800	5.2%	5.2%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	600	700	600	-14.3%	0.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,800	3,400	3,700	11.8%	2.7%
Other Durable Goods	1,200	1,200	1,000	0.0%	20.0%
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,400	9,200	-1.1%	1.1%
Food & Kindred Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0.0%	2.1%
Dairy Products	700	700	800	0.0%	-12.5%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	2,000	2,000	1,900	0.0%	5.3%
Bakery Products	400	400	300	0.0%	33.3%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	15,300	15,400	16,000	-0.6%	-4.4%
Transportation	7,400	7,500	7,700	-1.3%	-3.9%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,200	4,300	4,200	-2.3%	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,200	3,200	3,500	0.0%	-8.6%
Communications	3,200	3,200	3,400	0.0%	-5.9%
Public Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,900	0.0%	-4.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Jan. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Feb. 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	18,700	18,600	19,100	0.5%	-2.1%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,500	9,000	1.2%	-4.4%
Nondurable Goods	10,100	10,100	10,100	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	45,900	46,400	45,700	-1.1%	0.4%
General Merchandise	6,000	6,200	5,900	-3.2%	1.7%
Food Stores	6,700	6,700	6,500	0.0%	3.1%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,500	2,600	2,600	-3.8%	-3.8%
Other Retail	24,200	24,400	24,200	-0.8%	0.0%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,400	12,200	0.0%	1.6%
Finance	6,800	6,800	6,800	0.0%	0.0%
Banking	4,100	4,100	4,200	0.0%	-2.4%
Other Finance	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
Insurance	3,800	3,800	3,700	0.0%	2.7%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
SERVICES	59,200	59,100	58,000	0.2%	2.1%
Lodging	4,000	4,000	4,100	0.0%	-2.4%
Health Services	25,500	25,500	24,800	0.0%	2.8%
Nursing Care & Hospitals	18,900	18,900	18,500	0.0%	2.2%
Other Medical Services	6,600	6,600	6,300	0.0%	4.8%
Other Services	29,700	29,600	29,100	0.3%	2.1%
GOVERNMENT	65,600	64,600	64,700	1.5%	1.4%
Federal	10,000	9,900	9,600	1.0%	4.2%
State Government	20,300	19,700	19,600	3.0%	3.6%
Educational Services	13,300	12,700	13,000	4.7%	2.3%
Other State Government	7,000	7,000	6,600	0.0%	6.1%
Local Government	35,300	35,000	35,500	0.9%	-0.6%
Educational Services	17,800	17,400	18,200	2.3%	-2.2%
Other Local Government	17,500	17,600	17,300	-0.6%	1.2%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Jan. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Feb. 1986
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,000	69,000	66,700	0.0%	3.4%
Mining & Construction	2,600	2,400	2,300	8.3%	13.0%
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,600	0.0%	4.3%
Durable Goods	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,000	2,900	0.0%	3.4%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,200	4,200	4,100	0.0%	2.4%
Trade	20,200	20,100	19,600	0.5%	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	6,200	6,200	6,300	0.0%	-1.6%
Retail Trade	14,000	13,900	13,300	0.7%	5.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,300	4,400	4,200	-2.3%	2.4%
Services	18,700	18,800	18,100	-0.5%	3.3%
Government	14,200	14,300	13,800	-0.7%	2.9%
Federal	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local	12,100	12,200	11,700	-0.8%	3.4%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,000	28,600	28,000	-2.1%	0.0%
Mining & Construction	1,100	1,100	1,000	0.0%	10.0%
Manufacturing	1,500	1,600	1,500	-6.3%	0.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0%	-6.7%
Trade	7,900	7,900	7,800	0.0%	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,500	6,500	6,400	0.0%	1.6%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,200	1,100	1,100	9.1%	9.1%
Services	6,200	6,300	6,000	-1.6%	3.3%
Government	8,700	9,200	9,100	-5.4%	-4.4%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,700	35,600	34,900	0.3%	2.3%
Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,100	9.1%	9.1%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,700	0.0%	-3.7%
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,400	1.1%	1.1%
Wholesale	2,100	2,100	2,300	0.0%	-8.7%
Retail	7,400	7,300	7,100	1.4%	4.2%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Services	10,300	10,300	10,000	0.0%	3.0%
Government	8,500	8,600	8,100	-1.2%	4.9%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From Jan. 1987	Percent Change From Feb. 1986
All Items	328.4	334.4	333.1	327.5	0.4	2.1
Food & Beverage	311.8	321.6	320.5	307.7	0.3	4.5
Housing	360.2	365.1	363.9	356.5	0.3	2.4
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	208.4	207.1	204.1	0.6	2.1
Transportation	307.5	310.0	308.5	319.2	0.5	-2.9
Medical Care	433.5	452.4	449.6	422.3	0.6	7.1
Entertainment	274.1	278.7	278.3	272.0	0.1	2.5

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From Jan. 1987	Percent Change From Feb. 1986
All Commodities	299.8	302.7	300.9	304.7	0.6	-0.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	252.0	251.9	251.5	247.9	0.2	1.6
Industrial Commodities	312.1	315.7	313.6	319.4	0.7	-1.2

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	400.90	401.06	390.91	40.7	40.8	40.3	9.85	9.83	9.70
Durable Goods	430.97	429.73	421.89	41.4	41.4	41.0	10.41	10.38	10.29
Nondurable Goods	361.89	363.20	347.31	39.9	40.0	39.2	9.07	9.08	8.86
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	310.78	311.47	306.06	37.9	37.8	37.6	8.20	8.24	8.06
Durable Goods	336.68	340.84	330.65	38.0	38.6	38.9	8.86	8.83	8.50
Nondurable Goods	294.84	295.46	287.45	37.8	37.4	36.9	7.80	7.90	7.79
Food & Kindred	308.89	308.00	294.38	39.1	38.5	37.5	7.90	8.00	7.85
Printing & Publishing	265.36	265.25	267.77	31.0	30.7	32.3	8.56	8.64	8.29
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	302.63	315.24	314.34	36.2	37.0	37.6	8.36	8.52	8.36
Durable Goods	301.79	316.22	327.81	35.8	36.6	39.4	8.43	8.64	8.32
Nondurable Goods	303.68	313.87	307.91	36.5	37.1	36.7	8.32	8.46	8.39

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Divide	1,350	1,307	1,355	1,278	1,224	1,277	72	83	78	5.3	6.4	5.8
McKenzie	2,691	2,858	3,251	2,441	2,610	2,969	250	248	282	9.3	8.7	8.7
Williams	11,744	11,667	12,913	10,306	10,177	11,560	1,438	1,490	1,353	12.2	12.8	10.5
REGION 1 TOTAL	15,785	15,832	17,519	14,025	14,011	15,806	1,760	1,821	1,713	11.1	11.5	9.8
Bottineau	3,404	3,305	3,463	3,172	3,042	3,147	232	263	316	6.8	8.0	9.1
Burke	1,310	1,374	1,391	1,196	1,254	1,262	114	120	129	8.7	8.7	9.3
McHenry	2,639	2,577	2,759	2,211	2,174	2,177	428	403	582	16.2	15.6	21.1
Mountrail	3,303	3,242	3,191	2,992	2,910	2,860	311	332	331	9.4	10.2	10.4
Pierce	2,441	2,378	2,394	2,312	2,227	2,229	129	151	165	5.3	6.3	6.9
Renville	1,256	1,262	1,290	1,159	1,136	1,181	97	126	109	7.7	10.0	8.4
Ward	24,449	24,403	24,404	22,814	22,680	22,277	1,635	1,723	2,127	6.7	7.1	8.7
REGION 2 TOTAL	38,802	38,541	38,892	35,856	35,423	35,133	2,946	3,118	3,759	7.6	8.1	9.7
Benson	3,202	3,108	3,092	2,863	2,806	2,775	339	302	317	10.6	9.7	10.3
Cavalier	2,585	2,437	2,477	2,364	2,199	2,269	221	238	208	8.5	9.8	8.4
Eddy	1,467	1,420	1,458	1,283	1,235	1,256	184	185	202	12.5	13.0	13.9
Ramsey	6,347	6,085	6,211	5,919	5,679	5,735	428	406	476	6.7	6.7	7.7
Rolette	4,839	5,012	4,946	4,172	4,340	4,225	667	672	721	13.8	13.4	14.6
Towner	1,609	1,564	1,622	1,517	1,469	1,507	92	95	115	5.7	6.1	7.1
REGION 3 TOTAL	20,049	19,626	19,806	18,118	17,728	17,767	1,931	1,898	2,039	9.6	9.7	10.3
Grand Forks	34,459	33,345	33,269	33,164	31,912	31,786	1,295	1,433	1,483	3.8	4.3	4.5
Nelson	1,921	1,899	1,967	1,753	1,700	1,729	168	199	238	8.7	10.5	12.1
Pembina	4,956	4,874	4,971	4,417	4,212	4,376	539	662	595	10.9	13.6	12.0
Walsh	7,682	7,653	7,406	7,273	7,230	6,897	409	423	509	5.3	5.5	6.9
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,018	47,771	47,613	46,607	45,054	44,788	2,411	2,717	2,825	4.9	5.7	5.9
Cass	56,627	55,790	54,763	54,762	53,751	52,101	1,865	2,039	2,662	3.3	3.7	4.9
Ransom	2,501	2,471	2,488	2,419	2,369	2,374	82	102	114	3.3	4.1	4.6
Richland	8,416	8,032	7,971	8,049	7,591	7,478	367	441	493	4.4	5.5	6.2
Sargent	2,354	2,273	2,309	2,237	2,145	2,153	117	128	156	5.0	5.6	6.8
Steele	1,040	921	1,053	971	856	972	69	65	81	6.6	7.1	7.7
Traill	4,251	4,117	4,319	4,138	4,006	3,985	113	111	334	2.7	2.7	7.7
REGION 5 TOTAL	75,189	73,604	72,903	72,576	70,718	69,063	2,613	2,886	3,840	3.5	3.9	5.3

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Barnes	6,036	5,665	5,697	5,683	5,292	5,208	353	373	489	5.8	6.6	8.6
Dickey	3,043	2,987	2,980	2,885	2,800	2,826	158	187	154	5.2	6.3	5.2
Foster	2,057	2,028	2,062	1,929	1,865	1,890	128	163	172	6.2	8.0	8.3
Griggs	1,386	1,315	1,393	1,328	1,261	1,283	58	54	110	4.2	4.1	7.9
La Moure	2,253	2,073	2,233	2,149	1,961	2,078	104	112	155	4.6	5.4	6.9
Logan	1,332	1,259	1,325	1,246	1,159	1,220	86	100	105	6.5	7.9	7.9
McIntosh	2,025	1,987	2,034	1,955	1,896	1,947	70	91	87	3.5	4.6	4.3
Stutsman	11,653	11,505	11,803	10,964	10,685	10,864	689	820	939	5.9	7.1	8.0
Wells	2,756	2,669	2,762	2,531	2,417	2,486	225	252	276	8.2	9.4	10.0
REGION 6 TOTAL	32,541	31,488	32,289	30,670	29,336	29,802	1,871	2,152	2,487	5.7	6.8	7.7
Burleigh	31,017	30,480	31,089	29,191	28,464	28,417	1,826	2,016	2,672	5.9	6.6	8.6
Emmons	2,029	1,929	2,040	1,878	1,750	1,842	151	179	198	7.4	9.3	9.7
Grant	1,621	1,547	1,700	1,533	1,450	1,538	88	97	162	5.4	6.3	9.5
Kidder	1,455	1,413	1,461	1,273	1,220	1,252	182	193	209	12.5	13.7	14.3
McLean	4,205	4,093	4,521	3,850	3,698	3,915	355	395	606	8.4	9.7	13.4
Mercer	4,929	4,611	5,749	4,481	4,129	4,918	448	482	831	9.1	10.5	14.5
Morton	11,802	11,617	11,936	10,867	10,596	10,579	935	1,021	1,357	7.9	8.8	11.4
Oliver	859	1,052	1,005	775	954	892	84	98	113	9.8	9.3	11.2
Sheridan	1,003	979	1,039	919	886	928	84	93	111	8.4	9.5	10.7
Sioux	1,265	1,270	1,217	1,166	1,155	1,133	99	115	84	7.8	9.1	6.9
REGION 7 TOTAL	60,185	58,991	61,757	55,933	54,302	55,414	4,252	4,689	6,343	7.1	7.9	10.3
Adams	1,696	1,624	1,625	1,636	1,561	1,557	60	63	68	3.5	3.9	4.2
Billings	516	666	617	470	620	585	46	46	32	8.9	6.9	5.2
Bowman	2,050	1,946	2,097	1,919	1,794	1,938	131	152	159	6.4	7.8	7.6
Dunn	1,605	1,520	1,727	1,419	1,349	1,523	186	171	204	11.6	11.3	11.8
Golden Valley	990	869	1,003	942	825	910	48	44	93	4.8	5.1	9.3
Hettinger	1,711	1,693	1,764	1,580	1,563	1,602	131	130	162	7.7	7.7	9.2
Slope	455	367	435	424	319	371	31	48	64	6.8	13.1	14.7
Stark	11,456	11,040	11,938	10,369	9,930	10,593	1,087	1,110	1,345	9.5	10.1	11.3
REGION 8 TOTAL	20,479	19,725	21,206	18,759	17,961	19,079	1,720	1,764	2,127	8.4	8.9	10.0
STATE TOTAL	312,048	305,578	311,985	292,544	284,533	286,852	19,504	21,045	25,133	6.3	6.9	8.1

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Feb. 1987	Previous Month Jan. 1987	One Year Ago Feb. 1986	Percent Change From Jan. 1987	Percent Change From Feb. 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	121,089	120,782	118,779	0.3	1.9
Employment	113,122	112,759	110,252	0.3	2.6
Unemployment	7,967	8,023	8,527	-0.7	-6.6
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.6%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	312,040	305,580	312,730	2.1	-0.2
Employment	292,540	284,530	287,560	2.8	1.7
Unemployment	19,500	21,050	25,170	-7.4	-22.5
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.9%	8.0%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	82,160	81,380	79,700	1.0	3.1
Employment	78,690	77,690	75,210	1.3	4.6
Unemployment	3,470	3,690	4,490	-6.0	-22.7
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.5%	5.6%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,460	33,340	33,270	3.4	3.6
Employment	33,160	31,910	31,790	3.9	4.3
Unemployment	1,300	1,430	1,480	-9.1	-12.2
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,820	42,100	43,030	1.7	-0.5
Employment	40,060	39,060	39,000	2.6	2.7
Unemployment	2,760	3,040	4,030	-9.2	-31.5
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	7.2%	9.4%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JAN. 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	305.6	330.8	2,202.5	399.6
Employment	284.5	312.7	2,062.2	359.3
Unemployment	21.1	18.1	140.3	40.3
Unemployment Rate	6.9	5.5	6.4	10.1

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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